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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: : Docket No.: 5169-0011-1-1
Stephen C. Wardlaw : Date: August 23, 2005
Serial No.: 10/733,542 : Group Art Unit: 2863
Filed On: December 11, 2003 : Examiner: A. Bhat

**TITLE: APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING QUALITY CONTROL
IN AN INSTRUMENT FOR MEDICAL ANALYSIS**

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.116**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2005, having a period for response set to expire on September 24, 2005. Claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, 14, and 19-24 are pending and are rejected.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this response.